Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Are not rewards given for detecting excise cases ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhamed Roshan Sahib Bahadnr *(Commissioner of Police):* Rewards are given for doing something of a skilful nature.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is not a portion of the fine collected in the matter of excise cases given over to the Excise officers ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Commissioner of Excise):* Yes. It is so.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is it not because the Government think that they will give an additional incentive for detecting such cases that such a system has been adopted.

Mr. Parambi Lonappan *(Commissioner of Excise):* It is so.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will not the Government in the interests of the country at present be pleased to consider that all officers of any department who detect cases of smuggling of food stuffs be rewarded like that ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The question here is whether rewards should be given for discovery of smuggling of food stuffs. For every discovery if a Government officer is to be rewarded over and above his pay he does not deserve his pay. The actual position is this. So far as the smuggling of food stuffs is concerned, only the government servants are interested in detecting them and unfortunately non-officials have not come forward to render any material help in such discoveries. So the question of rewarding the non-officials does not arise. In the case of the officers, they are paid for what they are doing and if they do anything skilful or risky in the matter of smuggling of food stuffs they will surely be rewarded.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* This is a work which has got some temptation. Generally, as far as I know, from my personal experience, only small cases are discovered. 200 bags of rice are being smuggled without being discovered. If proper reward is given even to non-officials and officials who discover these cases surely there will be more of such detections coming in and we will have more food stuffs in the State. I request the government may consider this aspect of the matter and revise their opinion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The Hon'ble Member for Police was pleased to say that when detection of the sort mentioned here is made by officers who are drawing salaries from the Government then if they are to be rewarded they do not deserve their pay. That is the statement made by the Hon'ble Member of Police. Will that dictum hold good in all cases ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Except in cases where skill or courage is shown.

SCHEMES RECOMMENDED BY THE IRRIGATION BOARD

169. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of schemes of irrigation recommended by the present Irrigation Board;

(*b*) whether any work is taken up now in the year 1118 ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The following irrigation works were recommended by the present Irrigation Board.

1. Putting up a bund at Puthur in the Manali river for the conversion of about 1,200 acres into double crop.
2. Irrigation facilities for about 1,300 acres around Keli thodu.
3. Improving the drainage canal in Konath bund for the benefit of about 200 acres.
4. Putting up bunds in Maradu and Kundanur desoms for the benefit of 400 acres.
5. The construction of a sluice for Chirangara chira in Chewara.

(*b*) Of the above works items 1, 2 and 4 were completed in 1118 and estimates for item No. 5 have been submitted to Government for execution in 1119.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know the position of the Government as regards item No. 3.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* An estimate for that work has been called for.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* What about the Chalakkudi Diversion Scheme ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* A survey is in progress. I may say it is about 60 per cent over.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Can we expect it this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I cannot promise that the work can be started in 1118. But it can be started early in 1119.

CHENGAL BRIDGE—UNSAFE CONDITION OF

170. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the unsafe condition of the Chengal Bridge of the Trichur—Ernakulam Trunk Road;

(*b*) was not this subject brought to the notice of the Government during the Kumbham session;

(*c*) what action was taken in the matter subsequently?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The condition of the bridge is not satisfactory; but repairs are being done according to necessity.

(*b*) There was a question on this subject.

(*c*) The damaged planks of the deck have been renewed wherever necessary. Such repairs will be attended to till the entire decking is renewed.

THANIKUDAM IRRIGATION SCHEME

171. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they had at any time investigated an irrigation scheme called the Thanikudam Irrigation Scheme;

(*b*) when was that investigation conducted;

(*c*) how many acres of land were found possible to be benefitted by the scheme (please give details);

(*d*) what was the amount spent on the investigation;

(*e*) what is the probable cost to work the scheme to completion?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) During the years 1108—1109.

(*c*) (1) About 800 acres of dry land can be converted into single crop wet.

(2) About 400 acres of single crop can be converted into double crop.

(3) About 600 acres of existing double crop land also will have the benefit of irrigation supply.

(*d*) No separate accounts were kept for this scheme alone and hence it is not possible to give the figure. This scheme was investigated along with the others.

(*e*) The scheme was then estimated to cost Rs. 43,000. Details are being collected for the preparation of an estimate now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know why such a useful scheme as the one investigated in 1108 and 1109 was not pushed further during the course of these 9 years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We submitted the scheme and the Revenue Department also scrutinised and they were of opinion that it cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty that the 800 acres of dry land will then be converted into single crop. In 1108 and 1109 the price of paddy was very low and so there was no prospect of these 800 acres of parambas being converted into single crop lands. If these 800 acres cannot be converted into single crop or will not be converted into single crop the scheme becomes very unremunerative. The extra income which the Government may have to incur on this scheme will not commensurate with the expenditure involved. That was why the scheme was postponed. But now with the improvement in the price of paddy the Government feel that the scheme will be useful and I will submit an estimate within about 6 weeks' time.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether there was not a scheme called the Naduthodu Anicut Scheme in 1099 and 1100.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There was no such scheme.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* I think there was a scheme during the time of Diwan Mr. Narayana Menon.

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